

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Fifth Session

OF

Harmony Baptist Association

HELD WITH

STANDING PINE CHURCH,

October 21, 22, 23, 1904.

1904.

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NEWTON, MISS.

## OFFICERS.

### MODERATOR.

T. E. MORRIS ..... Lena, Miss.

### CLERK AND TREASURER.

T. G. WARD ..... Lena, Miss.

### NEXT MEETING.

PLACE—Camden, twelve or fourteen miles east of  
Vaughn Station, on the Illinois Central railroad.

TIME—Friday before the fourth Sunday in October,  
1905.

### INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

W. E. DEAR ..... Lena, Miss.

### ALTERNATE.

A. M. BARNETT ..... Standing Pine, Miss.



## PROCEEDINGS.

### First Day—Morning Session

STANDING PINE, MISS., Oct. 21, 1904.

According to adjournment of last session, the Harmony Baptist Association met with Standing Pine church in its fifty-fifth session.

After the congregation had sung a hymn, the moderator, T. E. Morris, read sixty-fifth division of the Psalms, and prayer by T. G. Ward, the moderator called the body to order.

The moderator appointed R. B. Denson and J. W. McKay reading clerks, and F. M. Ellington, S. D. Jackson and D. C. Barrett, finance committee.

Letters were then read from the following churches and the brethren whose names are found opposite were seated as messengers:

Bethany (Choc.)—Will Jimmie Solomon.

Camden—J. W. McKay, B. G. Geriner.

Carthage—James Boyd.

Cedar Grove—John A. Watkins, R. R. Moss.

Center Hill—John Edward, M. D. Allen, Jesse Edwards.

Cross Roads—C. C. Anderson.

Damascus—P. H. Rushing, B. A. Wooten.

Friendship—W. E. Dear, T. G. Ward, J. M. Porter, W.

L. McClendon, S. A. Moore, Oscar Thomas, W. Savel, G. G. Nazary.

Good Hope (L.)—Dr. T. E. Morris.

Good Hope (M.)—D. C. Barrett, G. C. Barrett.

Hebron—O. B. Thornton, Robert Knight.

Hopewell—F. M. Ellington, W. H. Clayton.  
 Hopewell (Choc.)—Scott York, Robert Comby.  
 Midway—S. D. Jackson.  
 Mt. Carmel—G. A. Ward, J. K. Sistrunk.  
 Mt. Zion—G. A. Gunter, Lonnie Sharp.  
 Mt. Zion (Choc.)—Tom Anderson, Solomon Stoliby.  
 New Hope—Oscar Jones, James Young.  
 New Providence—J. M. Flowers.  
 New Union—J. F. Harrell, J. M. Thomas.  
 Plymouth—J. L. Russell, Richard Jones.  
 Rocky Point—W. P. Dorrel, E. J. Reid, W. H. Pickle.  
 C. J. Lowe.  
 Salem—T. A. Turner, Hardy Pickle, J. N. Dorril.  
 Standing Pine—Tom Barnett, Tom Scott.  
 Thomas Town—J. G. Carnes, E. T. Gober, J. L. Gober.  
 Tuscola—J. A. Mulican, W. F. Moore.  
 Wake Forest—B. F. Odem.  
 Walnut Grove—L. A. McKee, Lyn Johnson, Percy Chadrick.

The body was then declared ready for permanent organization.

By motion of W. E. Dear, the rule was suspended and T. G. Ward instructed to cast the ballot for T. E. Morris, moderator, and T. E. Morris to cast the ballot for T. G. Ward for clerk and treasurer. The moderator then declared the body permanently organized.

Upon a call for correspondence of messengers from other bodies and enterprises, the following named brethren responded:

Mt. Pisgah Association—E. W. Breland.  
 Deer Creek Association—W. S. Blackman.  
 Pearl Valley Association—J. T. Massey.  
 Hopewell Association—W. S. Ford.  
 State Board—A. V. Rowe.  
 The Baptist—T. J. Bailey.  
 Sunday School Board—J. E. Byrd.

By motion the body took recess for dinner.

### Afternoon Session.

It being the order, the introductory sermon was preached by G. W. Nutt, the appointee, from John 12-32, after which the body resumed business.

The moderator called for unfinished business of previous session, whereupon W. P. Dorril offered the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That article four of our Constitution be altered so as to read as follows, which was adopted: "Art. 4. Officers and their duties.—After the report of committee on credentials is read the association shall proceed to elect by ballot a moderator and clerk, who shall also be ex-officio treasurer. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the meetings, discharge all duties imposed on him, as such, by the rules of the body. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the body, and keep a regular file of minutes, which he shall transmit to his successor in office. It shall be the duty of the ex-officio treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the association or its board, and make a report of the state of the treasury before the close of each session. There shall also be selected at each meeting of the body one member from each church composing this association, exclusive of the officers, who with the officers of the body, shall be ex-officio officers of the board, shall constitute an executive board, five of whom shall form a quorum to conduct the business of the association during the interim of its meetings. These officers shall continue in office until succeeded by new appointment."

Resolved, 2. That the association alter the order of business of Rule 23, Rules of Decorum, so as to read as follows:

First—Appoint a committee of three on credentials.

Second—Committee on Finance.

Third—Election of officers.

Fourth—Reception of letters petitioning admittance into the body.

Fifth—Committee of three on digest of church letters.

Sixth—Reception of fraternal correspondence.



Seventh—Recess to hear introductory sermon.

Eighth—Unfinished business of previous session.

Ninth—New and miscellaneous business.

Tenth—to appoint the following standing committees to consist of not fewer than three members, to-wit:

On order of business.

On Ministerial Education Mississippi College.

On Missions.

On Publications.

On Sunday Schools.

On Querries and Requests.

On Nominations.

Provided, that as soon as an organization is effected the moderator shall appoint a committee to arrange preaching during the session.

Resolved, 3. Also that the Rules of Decorum, with these Rules of Order, be printed in the minutes of this session of the body.

Committee on devotional exercises was appointed as follows: J. G. Carnes, W. L. McClendon, pastor and deacons of this church.

By motion, 10 A. M. to-morrow be set for the report of the trustees of the Harmony Baptist Institute.

By motion, that immediately after the adoption of the report of Harmony Baptist Institute, the report of missions is to follow.

The report of committee on devotional exercises is that W. E. Dear preach to-night at 7:30 P. M.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8:30 A. M.

### Second Day—Morning Session.

After a hymn sung by the congregation, the fifty-first division of the Psalms was read and prayer offered by B. F. Odom, the body was called to order.

Report of sustentation was read by G. W. Nutt and discussed by G. W. Nutt and A. V. Rowe and adopted.

#### Report on Sustentation.

This is a new feature in our association, but its importance second to none other, when we think of the

great pioneer work that our aged preachers have done in planting the Gospel over our state without money or without price, who earned their living with their own hands. Surely we who have entered into their labors under more favored circumstances, ought to appreciate their work to that extent that we would see to it that they spend their last days on earth in comfort and pleasure. So far as we are able learn, there has been but very little contributed to this important work—even in the whole state, \$1,500 reported at the last convention. Brethren, let us, as those who represent God's people, awake to our duty and see to it that every church in our bounds take regular collections for this work.

Yours respectfully,

G. W. NUTT.

O. WRIGHT.

Report on Publications was read by P. C. Barnett, discussed by T. J. Bailey and W. E. Dear, and adopted.

#### Report on Publications.

As that which one reads is a large factor in the development of his character, the selection of reading matter is of great importance. There is no end to the making of books in this age of the world. Trashy and pernicious literature fairly floods the country, and it is sad to note how it is welcomed in many christian homes. It is a difficult question to know just what one should not read. We would most heartily recommend that, in addition to the Bible, our state paper, The Baptist, should be read so that we should be more acquainted with our denominational work throughout the state. We would also recommend the reading of the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal for further information concerning our mission work. We should not forget our Orphanage Gem, which gives us the needs of our orphans' home. And last, but not least, would not forget to mention our dear Messenger, printed at Lena.

P. C. BARNETT.

Report of the Trustees of the Harmony Baptist Institute was read by T. G. Ward and ably discussed by W. E. Dear and G. W. Chambers, and adopted.

**Report of the Trustees of Harmony Baptist Institute.**

The report of the trustees of the Harmony Baptist Institute to the Harmony Association, will say that session of 1904 and 1905 opened on the 4th day of September last with seventy pupils, and the attendance has increased to over 100.

Its discipline and teaching force have never given better satisfaction to patrons and student body. We believe we have been very fortunate in securing Prof. G. W. Chambers, who comes to us well recommended, and has impressed upon all who have met him as the right man for the place.

Our community is heartily united in effort to make this session the best in the history of the institution, and we ask our brethren and friends to co-operate with us in enabling this institution to accomplish the purpose for which it was established. It is the desire of the board of trustees to so arrange our curriculum that it may harmonize with the curriculum of Mississippi and Blue Mountain Colleges, that our graduates may enter these colleges in the sophomore class, and we are informed that these colleges are desirous that this arrangement be made.

The time of the term of the trustees expires as follows:

Bryant Garrett, time expires 1904.

A. M. Langford, time expires 1905.

A. L. Morris, time expires 1906.

T. G. Ward, time expires 1907.

W. W. White, time expires 1908.

A. L. MORRIS, Chairman.

T. G. WARD, Secretary.

By motion, Bryant Garrett was elected to succeed himself as trustee of Harmony Baptist Institute.

Report on Missions was read by T. G. Ward and ably discussed by A. V. Rowe.

Adjourned for dinner.

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**Afternoon Session.**

After devotional exercises the body was called to order. The subject of Missions was further discussed by



W. E. Dear and T. J. Moore and adopted by agreeing to increase contributions for missions 25 per cent.

#### Report on Missions.

The most correct definition of the word mission to me is given in Webster's dictionary, an intrusted task. That God has intrusted to us the solemn, yet the delightful task, of propagating the truth of the gospel is clear to the mind of any and all who are willing to be taught of God. It's our Lord's command, Matt. 28: 19-20: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you even to the end of the world." Mark 16:15-16: "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned."

Luke 24:46-48: "And He said unto them, thus it is written and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem and ye are witnesses of these things." Acts 1:8: "And ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

This then is what our Lord intrusted to us, and to every child of His is this duty intrusted. The obligation rests with us until we have done in person or by proxy the command. This command is not to be sneered at, nor set aside; It's the command of God. Our opinions have nothing, absolutely nothing, to do with setting aside our duties to our Lord. We hold the world's salvation, in an instrumental sense, in our own hands. He, our Lord, has multiplied the ability like He did the loaves, and says give them to eat. Yes, He has put the remedy in our hands and holds us responsible for the use of it. II Cor. 5: 19: "And He committed or put into us the word of reconciliation, so now then we are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech

you by us. We prayed you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God.

Then our mission is to teach all men all things whatsoever our Lord has commanded. Until this is done we are debtors to God and men. Our mission boards say our needs are great, greater than ever before. This may seem strange to some, but it is as reasonable as the fact that it takes more laborers and means to run a two-mule farm than it takes to run a one-mule farm. Our mission fields are greater. Our missionaries in their report of the past year's work rehearsed what God had done with them and how He had opened the doors of faith unto the people. We thank God and take courage.

Our last reports show more contributions, more baptisms and more workers than ever before. Figures show that our state gave for state missions, \$17,000; home missions, \$8,209; foreign missions, \$18,811. Of these amounts, the association gave last year, for state missions, \$283.20; home missions, \$129.15; foreign missions, \$196.65; total \$563. Surely the Lord is in this work of world-wide evangelization, and has approved it as His order of the day, for His churches. Not to have part in it is to be out of order. If our love for Christ and a lost world is to be measured by giving, let us set up a standard for all members of our churches, worthy of him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

T. G. WARD.

The committee on devotional exercises reported that T. J. Moore preach tonight at 7.30 o'clock, at Walnut Grove. A. V. Rowe in the church, and T. J. Bailey in the school building at 11 A. M. Sunday.

Report on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College was read by P. C. Barnett and discussed by T. J. Moore and A. V. Rowe, and adopted.

#### Report on Ministerial Education.

Opposition to ministerial education is practically a thing of the past. It is a reflection upon us that it ever existed. God has blessed many of his chosen with rare natural gifts, to such extent that they have succeeded

to a high degree without a regular school or college course, but had such as these had this advantage, their labors would have been less arduous and their achievements greater. The blacksmith has to have well in hand his hammer, the book-keeper his pen, the farmer his plow and so with men of every calling. A preacher has to know first of all how to talk—language is the medium of power.

No man needs such a thorough acquaintance with his mother tongue as does the preacher. We would try to impress the young men who are called to the ministry to take time in school and college to qualify themselves to intelligently study and dispense God's word. Along with secular study they should spend time day by day in learning new passages and new meanings of the great Book of their professions. Bible truth understood, together with the capacity to make others understand it, is what makes the preacher. God calls many of his ministers from that class of young men who are not financially able to meet the expense incurred in procuring an education. So a board of Ministerial Education has been formed whose president at present is W. T. Lowery, and whose duty it is to receive and dispense contributions to Ministerial students in Mississippi College, according to their needs. We recommend that each church in this association, make a gift once a year to this worthy object.

We would suggest to our ministerial brethren, who are already actively engaged in the work the importance of studying, along with their Bible, such books as will tend to keep them fresh and instructive to their people. Also we would call the attention of churches and individuals to the fact that money given to their pastors to procure these needed books would be well invested.

Mississippi College, located at Clinton, is the school of Mississippi Baptists. Its best recommendation is the work it has done and is doing through the men it has taught. Trees are known by their fruits, colleges by the conduct of their classes, and by the application of this, Clinton is said to compare favorable with any institution of learning in the state. The high moral and religious tone, added to the unsurpassed efficiency of



its teachers, make it the place for our boys to go for college training. The enrollment at the College last year was the largest of any previous session, but the present session bids fair to be the best in its history.

A. M. BARNETT.

Report on Nominations was read by J. N. Dorril and adopted.

#### Report on Nominations.

Your committee on nominations beg to make the following report. We recommend that Brother W. E. Dear be appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of the association, and Dr. A. M. Barnett his alternate. We recommend that next meeting of the executive board be held with Hopewell church, commencing Friday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1905, and that the following named brethren be appointed as members of the executive board and that each church be requested to appoint one additional:

Bethany (choc.), Will Jimmie; Camden, W. B. J. Barnett; Carthage, N. F. Wallace; Cedar Grove, John A. Watkins; Cross Roads, C. C. Anderson, Jr.; Damascus, W. M. Rushing; Friendship, S. A. Moore; Good Hope, (L); Robert Nutt; Good Hope, (M), T. W. Wilkerson; Hebron, O. B. Thornton; Hopewell, W. H. Clayton; Midway, Wm. Phillips; Mt. Carmel, G. A. Ward; Mt. Zion, Noah Gunter; Mt. Zion (choc.), Tom Anderson; Salem, T. A. Turner; Standing Pine, O. H. Barnett; Stump Bridge, A. B. Coleman; Thomas Town, J. G. Carnes; Tuscola, Joe Denson; New Hope; J. M. Barnett; New Union, R. S. Dooley; Unity, S. H. Elam; Wake Forest; G. W. Moore; Walnut Grove, L. A. McKee; Hopewell, (choc.), Scott York.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. DORRIL.

Report on Queries and Requests adopted as follows:

#### Report on Queries and Requests.

We, your committee, note no queries, but find three churches, Walnut Grove, Center Hill and Camden, re-

questing that this body meet with them next year.  
We recommend that you meet with Camden church.

Respectfully,

J. M. PORTER,  
W. L. McCLENDON,  
TOM ANDERSON.

Report on Orphanage was read by Caidus Cox, discussed by T. J. Bailey and J. E. Byrd, and adopted.

#### Report on Orphanage.

The work of caring for orphan children reaches the heart of every christian. This has been centered among our Baptists in an orphans home, located at Jackson, consisting of 112 acres of land in the suburbs of the city, which has grown in value from a cost of \$2,400 to \$40,000. Brother J. R. Carter and wife have care of the work. There are accomodations for 100 children. They have had an average of eighty-three during this present year. They have sustained a loss by fire of one of the cottages, at a loss of \$6,000. This appeals to our sympathy and support. Would recommend that all our churches take collections for this work.

C. A. COX,  
J. D. EDWARDS,  
G. A. WARD.

By motion, the body adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

#### Night Session.

After song by the congregation, and prayer, led by J. G. Gilmore, the body was called to order.

Report of executive board was read by the clerk, whereupon W. E. Dear offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the association authorize the executive board to select a suitable man to occupy the field as an associational missionary, which was adopted with the report.

Report on Woman's Work, prepared and read by Miss Tyna Pate, discussed by W. E. Dear and T. E. Morris, and adopted.

**Report on Woman's Work.**

We are glad to note the hearty reception that is being given to the organization of woman's work in our associations, but still there is a vast room for improvement. If we be rightly informed, there is only one organization in this association. But there is no doubt that it is doing telling work for the Master, as all of us who read the associational papers know. Among the early disciples of our Lord are recorded names of women for whom He did the great service of healing and the greater service of saving, and they are not merely passive recipients of his gracious bounty, but they were active, sympathetic, self-sacrificing co-workers with Christ. Read first part of the eighth chapter of Luke and we see the names of some of these women. Paul in his letter to the Romans mentions several names of women in Rome who had labored with him in helping spread the gospel. In his letter to the Philippians Paul says, "And I entreat thee also, true yokefellows, help those women which labored with me in the gospel with Clement, also and with others of my fellow-laborers whose names are in the book of life." And it is so reasonable for us to think these women were organized so that they might do their work better and without embarrassment. It is time our churches all waked up to the fact that we must have organized work among the women of the churches. Every christian has work to do, and nobody can do another's work. And there is no question that it is the best way for women to work. It needs no argument. The noble work that they have done and are now doing, speaks more than any words could tell.

Below are some of the things done in Mississippi during the last conventional year. But these are merely figures and do not tell of the many hearts made happy, the many lives made glad, and the great enthusiasm with which the women do their work for the Master. These can only be conjectured by the result, but can not be fully realized but from experience.



Home missions	\$ 656 91
State missions	737 40
Foreign missions	1,626 15
General missions	36 37
Home uses	5,029 25
Orphanage	816 69
Mississippi College	67 13
Church building fund	135 05
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	17 00
Ministerial education	36 67
Sustentation	35 90
Value of boxes	2,323 99
Undistributed	183 25
Total	<hr/> \$11,717 39

Not to speak of the literature sent out. We would recommend that this association have a vice-president appointed, and that all the pastors help here in organizing the woman's work in the churches in this association.

Write to Mrs. W. R. Woods, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Central Committee, Meridian, and she will send literature which will tell you what to do and how to organize the work, and give many suggestions, which will be helpful in the work.

By motion Miss Tyna Pate was elected vice-president on woman's work for the association.

Report on Prohibition was read by O. B. Thornton, discussed by W. E. Dear and adopted.

#### Report on Prohibition.

It is the duty of a soldier to fight the enemy wherever he is found. And as all Baptists are supposed to be soldiers in the christian army, it is our duty to fight the great enemy, whisky, and the best way is not to use it—and vote against it whenever we can.

Respectfully,

O. B. THORNTON.

By motion, the body adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8:30 A. M.

### Third Day—Morning Session.

After hymn sung by the congregation and prayer, led by A. V. Rowe, the body was called to order.

The finance committee failing to report, the clerk was ordered to prepare for print a report, which will be found in tabulated form on another page. Brethren, I did the best I could under present conditions.

By motion, A. M. Barnett was elected messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention and W. E. Dear his alternate.

Report on Obituaries was read by J. N. Dorril and adopted.

#### Report on Obituaries.

On examining the letters to the association, we find that eighteen of our brethren and sisters, whose names follow, have died since our last meeting: Brethren Morris Cox, F. L. Hill, Sr., J. T. Turner, Noah Joiner, J. N. Barnett, W. C. Nutt, E. V. Brown, E. J. N. McKay, S. B. Harris, deacon; C. H. Johnson, Ben Ellington and Solomon York (Choc.); Sisters Sarah Heath, Lou Webb, Susan Orman, Amanda Halford, Sabrie Merchant, Matilda Tullus, and Matilda Eastwood.

Brethren and sisters, let's tender to the bereaved relatives and friends of the deceased brethren and sisters our tenderest sympathies, and point them by an orderly and pious conversation to our Heavenly Father, who is able and willing to bind up the broken hearts and wipe away all tears by his loving kindness.

J. N. DORRIL.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by J. N. Dorril and spoken to by J. E. Byrd, correspondent of the Sunday School Board, who offered the following recommendation. While we recognize the Sunday school as a teaching service of the church, we also recognize that it is not what it ought to be in efficiency.

Therefore, we would recommend that this association have a Sunday School Institute within its bounds.

where the pastors, superintendents and teachers may better equip themselves for service, and all are urged to attend such institute to be arranged for by W. E. Dear, who was elected corresponding secretary for the association. Adopted with the report.

#### Report on Sunday Schools.

The Harmony Association has commended the cause of Sunday schools and urged the importance of development in this work since its organization, and yet there is a deplorable lack of interest in this department of our Lord's work in our bounds. In view of the fact that God commanded his people in ancient days to teach their children his laws, and under the new covenant commands us to nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord. Therefore, let us awake, brethren and sisters of the Harmony Association, to the importance of saving our children from the blighting influence of false doctrine and teach, and impress upon their minds the truths of God, as revealed in His word, and the Sunday school is a potent factor in this great work.

Respectfully submitted.

W. P. DORRIL,

E. D. ROBERTS,

J. D. ELLINGTON, Committee.

P. S. Reported in the letters, seventeen Sunday schools, with 300 students.

#### Treasurer's Report.

To cash from Finance Committee—

For Associational purposes	\$ 64 30
For State missions	131 85
For Home missions	28 85
For Foreign missions	71 60
For General missions	6 40
For Orphanage	16 65
To balance on hand	18 72

Total \$338 37

#### CREDITS.

Cash paid A. V. Rowe, State missions \$131 85



Cash paid A. V. Rowe, Home missions.....	28 85
Cash paid A. V. Rowe, Foreign missions.....	71 60
Cash paid A. V. Rowe, General missions.....	6 40
Cash paid J. R. Carter, Orphanage.....	16 65
Cash paid self, services as clerk.....	15 00
Cash paid printing and mailing minutes.....	28 75
Cash paid messenger expenses to S. B. C.....	19 45
Cash paid for postage.....	1 00
To balance on hand.....	18 82
Total.....	\$338 37

The following resolutions were adopted:

**Resolutions.**

Resolved 1. That the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention from Harmony association be paid out of the funds of the association.

Resolved 2. That the clerk of this body be allowed the usual amount, \$15, for his services as clerk.

Resolved 3. That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Standing Pine church and community for the very hospitable manner in which the delegates and visitors have been so royally entertained during the session of this body.

By motion, after singing and giving each other the parting hand, the association adjourned to meet with Camden church on Friday at 10 A. M. before the fourth Sunday in October, 1905.

T. G. WARD, Clerk.

T. E. MORRIS, Moderator.

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## Ordained Ministers.

T. E. Morris	Lena, Miss.
W. E. Dear	Lena, Miss.
T. G. Ward	Lena, Miss.
J. G. Gilmore	Lena, Miss.
A. M. Barnett	Standing Pine, Miss.
G. W. Nutt	Good Hope, Miss.
W. P. Dorril	Dossville, Miss.
T. S. Chitto (Choc.)	Edinburg, Miss.
J. M. Vinson	Canton, Miss.
P. H. Rushing	Opoca, Miss.
B. F. Odom	Bolatusha, Miss.
G. M. Dunn	Gray, Miss.
E. T. Dendy	Pickens, Miss.
P. C. Barnett	Estes Mill, Miss.
Scott York (Choc.)	Standing Pine, Miss.
Allen Wilson (Choc.)	St. Ann, Miss.
Rufus York (Choc.)	Thomastown, Miss.

## Licentiates.

T. W. Wilkerson	Kirkwood, Miss.
W. Savel	Lena, Miss.
C. G. Anderson	Birtice, Miss.

## Committees to Write Reports.

Committee to write reports to be made at the Harmony Association at her annual meeting in 1905.

1. On Order of Business—Thomas Gober, J. W. McKay.
2. On Missions—W. E. Dear, J. A. Thomas, E. D. Roberts.
3. On Ministerial Education and Mississippi College—T. G. Ward, Caidus Cox.
4. On Publications—W. B. J. Barnett, J. W. Porter, W. R. Gross.
5. On Prohibition—W. P. Dorril, S. D. Jackson, B. F. Cotton.
6. On Sunday Schools—J. G. Gilmore, G. A. Ward, J. D. Edwards.
7. On Woman's Work—G. W. Nutt, B. W. Ferguson, F. L. Hill.
8. On Orphanage—B. F. Odom, G. W. Moore, J. R. Ellington.
9. On Nominations—T. B. Blailock, Paul Rushing, J. G. Carnes.
10. On Sustentation—T. G. Ward, W. L. McClendon, C. C. Anderson, Jr.
11. On Obituaries—F. M. Ellington, O. Wright, Jas. Brewer.
12. On Queries and Requests—B. W. Ferguson, Dan Britt, Jno. Watkins.
13. On Apportionment—T. G. Ward, N. F. Wallace, Oscar Barnett.

## RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise.

Rule 2. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats and debate on any question before the body.



Rule 3. A member desiring to speak or present any matter to the body, shall rise and address "Brother Moderator." He shall confine himself to the matter before the body, cast no reflections on the Association nor any member thereof, nor shall he be interrupted while speaking.

Rule 4. When two or more members rise at the same instant, the Moderator shall recognize the one to proceed.

Rule 5. No person shall speak more than once to the same motion without leave of the body, except the mover of the same who shall be allowed five minutes to close the debate. Also, pending a motion to table, or when the Association shall have ordered the previous question, the right to the five minute rule shall be observed.

Rule 6. The Moderator may speak to any question under debate. He shall rise from his seat to put questions, but may state them while sitting. He shall decide all points of order, but an appeal may be taken to the whole body.

Rule 7. The Moderator shall vote in all cases as any other member; and in case of a tie the motion shall be considered lost.

Rule 8. The Moderator shall appoint all committees except when otherwise ordered.

Rule 9. Motions containing two or more propositions shall be divided on demand of any member, and the vote taken on each separately. Every measure shall be brought before the body by motion and second and shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member.

Rule 10. While a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to commit or amend, to postpone to a time certain, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in their order.

Rule 11. A motion to adjourn, lay on the table for the previous question, or to reconsider a non-debatable motion, shall be deemed non-debatable questions. A point of order shall be held non-debatable except on an appeal.

Rule 12. On demand for the previous question, the chair shall immediately submit: Shall the main question be now put? which, if decided affirmatively, he shall proceed to take the vote, first on any pending amendments thereto, in their order and then upon the main question.

Rule 13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all motions except to adjourn, but cannot be considered while the Association is engaged in other business. A motion to reconsider having failed, it shall prevent that measure being again considered during that session.

Rule 14. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed inadvisable.

Rule 15. An amendment to an amendment may be received, but shall proceed no further.

Rule 16. Any resolution, motion or proposition may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before decision or amendment.

Rule 17. Any two members shall have the right to demand the ayes and nays on any question before the body.

Rule 18. When the body is proceeding under its regular order, all motions, reports or resolutions, when read, shall be considered before the body.

Rule 19. A motion to suspend the Rules, shall be deemed a privileged motion, but no debate will be allowed thereon. A motion to suspend shall state definitely, the object for which they are to be suspended, and a "two-thirds vote" must prevail in order to suspension.

Rule 20. Special Order.—The Association may, by a "two-thirds vote," fix any measure before it, for a special hour. When the hour for the special order shall have arrived, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to immediately suspend any business before the body and take up such special order.

Rule 21. No member shall take a final departure without leave of the body.

Rule 22. The officers of the previous Association shall be ex-officio officers of the body, for the purpose of an organization.

Rule 23. Order of Business.—The order of Business, the first day of the session, shall be as follows:

1. Appoint a committee of three on Credentials.
2. Committee on Finance.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reception of letters petitioning admission in the body.
5. Committee of three on digest of letters.
6. Reception of fraternal correspondence.
7. Recess to hear Introductory Sermon.
8. Unfinished business of previous session.
9. New and miscellaneous business.
10. To appoint the following standing committee to consist of not less than — members to-wit:
  - On order of business.
  - On Ministerial Education and Mississippi College.
  - On Missions.
  - On Publications.
  - On Sunday Schools.
  - On Querries and Requests.
  - On Nominations.

Provided as soon as an organization is effected the Moderator shall appoint a committee to arrange preaching during the session.

Rule 24. Parliamentary law shall in all cases govern where these Rules are silent.

Rule 25. These Rules may be suspended, altered or amended at any time by a "two-thirds vote" of the members present.

## CONSTITUTION.

We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed delegates by our respective churches, and being now assembled in convention, do solemnly unite in the capacity of an Association and for our direction adopt the following Constitution:

ART. 1. *Name and of Whom Composed*—This body shall be known by the name of Harmony Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates only, who are members of the churches they represent.

ART. 2. *Terms of Representation*—Churches represented in this body shall be entitled to two delegates and an additional one for every twenty-five over fifty members.



ART. 3. *Time and Place of Meeting*—This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be previously appointed.

ART. 4. *Officers and their Duties*—After the report of committee on credentials is read, the Association shall proceed to elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, who shall also be ex-officio Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings and do, and discharge all duties imposed on him, as such by the rules of the body. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the body, and keep a regular file of minutes, which he shall transmit to his successor in office. It shall be the duty of the ex-officio Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the Association or its Board and make a report of the state of the Treasury before the close of each session. There shall also be selected at each annual meeting of the body, one member from each church composing this Association exclusive of the officers, who, with the officers of the body, shall be ex-officers of the Board, shall constitute an Executive Board, five of whom shall form a quorum to conduct the business of the Association during the interim of its meetings. These officers shall continue in office until succeeded by new appointments.

ART. 5. *Statistics*—It is expected that the churches will send messengers and letters to each annual meeting, giving an account of the state of their respective churches, particularly of the additions and diminutions in the past year, and of whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with whole number of members in communion; with these letters each church shall forward money for printing of the minutes.

ART. 6. *Reception of New Churches*—Churches wishing to be represented in this union may apply by letter and messengers, and giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in faith and practice, may be received and as token of same, the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, shall extend to their messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. *Privileges of the Association*—Although an associate body, we disclaim any power over the churches, so far as respects an interference with their independ-

ence and discipline; yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves the propriety of continuing any church in our connection, which is either heterodox in principle or disorderly in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship from any church without sufficient cause, it is proposed that when complaint is made by any two churches of this body against a church belonging to this Association, if thought expedient, they may appoint a committee who shall request a conference with said church in order to obtain satisfaction on the points which form the subject of complaint, and shall report the result to the next meeting of the Association, in order that they may decide as duty shall require.

ART. 8. *Neglected Representation*—When any church shall neglect making a communication to the Association for two consecutive years, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and shall be dropped from the minutes, unless two or more members shall request her continuance, and will also engage to inquire into her standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 9. *Of Correspondence*—This Association may hold correspondence with such associations, societies or individuals as she shall think proper.

ART. 10. *Of the Spread of the Gospel*—It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what she may think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the gospel.

ART. 11. *General Provisions*—This Association, when convened, shall appoint the time and place of the next annual meeting, select a person or persons to preach on the occasion, make any other appointment or transact any other business that they may judge expedient, and from time to time make such amendments and alterations to this Constitution as experience may dictate, provided such amendment or alteration shall be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, provided further that notice of the desired change was duly entered on the minutes of the previous session.





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CHURCHES.	Associational Purposes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Total sent up	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Total sent A. V. Howe	Grand Total	Apportionment.			Total
													State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	
Bethany (Choe.)	70	1 80	4 00	1 00		3 50	7 75				7 75	3 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00
Camden	2 00					9 25						17 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	20 00
Carthage	2 00	6 00				8 00	5 50	8 00			8 00	16 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	30 00
Cedar Grove	1 00			5 75		6 15					5 50	11 65	5 00	3 00	4 00	12 00
Cross Roads	1 35	1 00		1 00		3 35						3 35	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00
Center Hill	2 30	1 60	2 05	7 15		13 10						13 10	5 00	5 00	10 00	20 00
Damascus	1 50	1 20			1 50	4 20			2 00			6 20	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00
Friendship	5 00	5 50		1 40		11 90	47 50	37 15	65 00	8 50	158 15	170 05	65 00	50 00	75 00	190 00
Good Hope (L.)	5 00			5 00		10 00	22 15	15 30	14 75		52 15	62 15	20 00	20 00	25 00	65 00
Good Hope (M.)	2 70	2 50	7 45	13 70		26 35		7 05			7 05	33 40	15 00	10 00	15 00	40 00
Hebron	2 70					2 60	5 00		7 00		12 00	14 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
Hopewell	1 30	3 40				4 90		4 25	1 40		10 65	15 55	7 00	5 00	5 00	17 00
Hopewell (Choe)	1 10	2 00	2 00			5 10						5 10	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00
Midway	3 75		50	2 00		6 25						6 25	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00
Mt. Carmel	2 75	5 00	5 00	5 00		17 75	10 00	11 00	12 50	10 00	43 50	61 25	20 00	15 00	15 00	50 00
Mt. Zion	4 00	10 00	5 00	4 30	10 30	36 00			5 70		5 70	39 30	15 00	10 00	15 00	40 00
Mt. Zion (Choe)	1 80	1 00	2 00	2 00		6 80						6 80	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00
New Hope	2 50					2 50	5 10	5 00	5 00		15 10	17 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
New Providence	2 00	4 00		4 50		10 50	4 00				8 50	19 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	20 00
New Union	1 50					4 50		1 20	4 50		1 20	5 70	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00
Plymouth	50			2 35		2 85						2 85	1 00	1 00	2 00	4 00
Rocky Point	3 15	2 35		2 00	5 50	18 00	10 10	8 25	8 25	9 00	36 60	53 60	20 00	15 00	15 00	50 00
Salem	2 70			2 10		6 80	2 00				2 00	8 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
Standing Pine	3 30		10 00			13 00	7 75		20 00	7 50	35 25	48 25	5 00	10 00	20 00	35 00
Stump Bridge	1 00	3 00				4 00	15 50	14 15	50 00	18 00	97 65	100 15	20 00	20 00	20 00	60 00
Thomastown	2 50		3 00			2 50			10 00		10 00	24 30	10 00	10 00	10 00	30 00
Tuscola	1 30	10 00				14 30						1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00
Unity	1 00			3 50		4 50						4 50	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00
Wake Forest	1 00		23 00			26 00	19 20		22 15		41 35	67 35	20 00	20 00	25 00	65 00
Walnut Grove	3 00															
Total	66 30	60 35	66 00	62 75	17 30	272 70	160 85	109 35	233 10	52 00	555 30	857 45				







